

## SNE

5. A quip; a shuffling answer.

Come, leave your *snatches*, and yield me a direct answer.

*Shakef. Measure for Measure.*  
SNA'TCHER. *n. f.* [from *snatch*.] One that snatches, or takes any thing in haste.

They of those marches  
Shall be a wall sufficient to defend  
Our inland from the pilfering borderers.

—We do not mean the counting *snatchers* only.

But fear the main intentment of the Scot. *Shakef. H. V.*

SNA'TCHINGLY. *adv.* [from *snatching*.] Hastily; with interruption.

To SNEAK. *v. n.* [Imican, Saxon; *snige*, Danish.]

1. To creep slyly; to come or go as if afraid to be seen.

Once the eagle, England, being in prey,  
To her unguarded nest the weazel, Scot,  
Comes *snaking*, and so sucks her princely eggs. *Shakespeare.*

*Snack* not away, fir; for the friar and you  
Must have a word anon: lay hold on him. *Shakespeare.*

Discover'd, and defeated of your prey,  
You skulk'd behind the fence, and *snack'd* away. *Dryden.*

I ought not to turn my back, and to *snack* off in silence,  
And leave the truth to lie baffled, bleeding, and slain. *Watts.*

He *snack'd* into the grave,  
A monarch's half and half a harlot's slave. *Dunciad.*

Are you all ready? Here's your muck here:

Author, *snack* off; we'll tickle you, my dear. *Moore.*

2. To behave with meanness and servility; to crouch; to truckle.

I need salute no great man's threshold, *snack* to none of his  
friends to speak a good word for me to my conscience. *South.*

Nothing can support minds drooping and *snacking*, and inwardly  
reproaching them, from a sense of their own guilt, but to  
see others as bad. *South's Sermons.*

When interest calls off all her *snacking* train,  
When all th' oblig'd desert, and all the vain,  
She waits, or to the scaffold, or the cell,  
When the last ling'ring friend has bid farewell. *Pope.*

Tom struts a soldier, open, bold, and brave;  
Will *snacks* a scriv'ner, an exceeding knave. *Pope.*

SNEAKER. *n. f.* A large vessel of drink.

I have just left the right worshipful and his myrmidons about  
a *snacker* of five gallons. *Speilator.*

SNEAKING. *participial adj.* [from *snack*.]

1. Servile; mean; low.

2. Covetous; niggardly; meanly parcimonious.

SNEAKINGLY. *adv.* [from *snacking*.] Meanly; servilely.

Do all things like a man, not *snackingly*:

Think the king sees thee still. *Herbert.*

While you *snackingly* submit,  
And beg our pardon at our feet,  
Discourag'd by your guilty fears  
To hope for quarter for your ears. *Hudibras.*

SNEAKUP. *n. f.* [from *snack*.] A cowardly, creeping, insidious scoundrel. Obsolete.

The prince is a jack, a *snackup*; and, if he were here, I  
would cudgel him like a dog, if he would say so. *Shak. H. IV.*

To SNEAP. *v. a.* [This word seems a corruption of *snipe*, or of  
*snaps*, to reprimand. Perhaps *snaps* is in that sense from *snip*,  
*snippe*, Danish.]

Men shulde him *snippe* bitterly. *Chaucer.]*

1. To reprimand; to check.

2. To nip.

What may  
Breed upon our absence, may there blow  
No *snapping* winds at home. *Shakespeare.*

SNEAP. *n. f.* [from the verb.] A reprimand; a check.

My lord, I will not undergo this *snaps* without reply: you  
call honourable boldness impudent sauciness: if a man will  
courtly and say nothing, he is virtuous. *Shakef. Henry IV.*

To SNEB. *v. a.* [Properly to *snib*. See SNEAP.] To check;  
to chide; to reprimand.

Which made this foolish briar wax so bold,  
That on a time he cast him to scold,  
And *snibbe* the good oak, for he was old. *Spenser.]*

To SNEER. *v. n.* [This word is apparently of the same family  
with *snore* and *snort*.]

1. To show contempt by looks: *naso suspendero aduice*.

2. To intimate contempt by covert expressions.

The wolf was by, and the fox in a *snearing* way advised him  
not to irritate a prince against his subjects. *L'Estrange.*

I could be content to be a little *snear'd* at in a line, for the  
sake of the pleasure I should have in reading the rest. *Pope.*

If there has been any thing exprest with too much severity,  
it will fall upon those *snearing* or daring writers of the  
age against religion, who have left reason and decency. *Watts.*

3. To utter with sneering.

I have not been *snearing* fullome lies, and nauseous flattery,  
at a little tawdry whore. *Congreve.*

4. To show contempt by words.

I had no power over one muscle in their faces, though they  
*snear'd* at every word spoken by each other. *Taylor.*

## SNI

SNEER. *n. f.* [from the verb.]

1. A look of contemptuous ridicule.

Did not the *snier* of more impartial men  
At sense and virtue, balance all agen. *Pope.*

2. An expression of ludicrous scorn.

Socrates or Cæsar might have a fool's coat clapt upon them,  
and in this disguise neither the wisdom of the one nor the  
majesty of the other could secure them from a *snier*. *Watts.*

To SNEEZE. *v. n.* [Imican, Saxon; *niesen*, Dutch.] To emit  
wind audibly by the nose.

Thus do I ever make my fool my purse;  
For I mine own gain'd knowledge should profane,  
If I should time expend with such a *snipe*,  
But for my sport and profit. *Shakef. Othello.*

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nose. *Grew's Cofmel.*

SNIVEL. *n. f.* [Imican, Saxon.] Snot; the running  
of the nose.

To SNIVEL. *v. n.* [from the noun.]

1. To run at the nose.

2. To cry as children.

Funeral tears are hired out as mourning cloaks; and whe-  
ther we go to our graves *sniveling* or fingling, 'tis all mere  
form. *L'Estrange.*

Away goes he *sniveling* and yelping, that he had dropt his  
ax into the water. *L'Estrange.*

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for me; unless I see farther reason of disturbing his repose.  
*Stillingfleet.*

Is not yonder Proteus' cave?

It is; and in it lies the god asleep;

And *snoring* by  
We may detect  
The monsters of the deep. *Dryden's Albion.*

'Twas Acme's and Septimius' life;

The lady fight'd, the lover *snor'd*.

The giant, gorg'd with flesh, and wine, and blood,  
Lay stretch'd at length, and *snoring* in his den,  
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The fiery war-horse paws the ground,  
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1. The nose of a beast.

His nose in the air, his *snout* in the skies.

In shape a beagle's whelp throughout,  
With broader forehead, and a sharper *snout*. *Dryden.*

## SNO

3. A share; a snack. A low word.

He found his friend upon the mending hand, which he was  
glad to hear, because of the *snip* that he himself expected upon  
the dividend. *L'Estrange.*

SNIFE. *n. f.* [Imican, German; *snite*, Saxon; *snit*, Welsh.]

1. A small fen fowl with a long bill.

The external evident causes of the atrabilis are a high fer-  
menting diet; as old cheesy birds feeding in fens, as geese,  
ducks, woodcocks, *snipes*, and swans. *Fieger.*

2. A fool; a blockhead.

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2. The nose of a man, in contempt.

Her subtle *snout*

Did quickly wind his meaning out. *Hudibras.*

But when the date of Neck was out,  
Off dropt the sympatetic *snout*. *Hudibras.*

What Ethiop lips he has,  
How foul a *snout*, and what a hanging face! *Dryd. Juven.*

Charm'd with his eyes, and chin, and *snout*,  
Her pocket-glass drew slyly out;  
And grew enamour'd with her phiz,  
As just the counterpart of his. *Swift.*

3. The nose or end of any hollow pipe.

SNO'UTED. *adj.* [from *snout*.] Having a snout.

*Snouted* and tailed like a boar, and footed like a goat. *Grew.*

SNOW. *n. f.* [Imican, Saxon; *snie*, Dutch.] The small par-  
ticles of water frozen before they unite into drops. *Locke.*

Benath flew a lion in a pit, in time of *snow*. *2 Sa. xxiii.*

Drought and heat consume *snow* waters. *Job xxiv. 19.*

He gives the Winter's *snow* her airy birth,  
And bids her virgin fleeces clothe the earth. *Sandys.*

To SNOW. *v. n.* [Imican, Saxon; *snucwen*, Dutch.] To have  
snow fall.

To SNOW. *v. a.* To catter like snow.

If thou be't born to see strange sights,  
Ride ten thousand days and nights,  
Till age *snows* white hairs on thee. *Donne.*

SNO'WBALL. *n. f.* [Imican, Saxon; *snucwen*, Dutch.] A round lump of con-  
gelated snow.

They pass'd to the east-riding of Yorkshire, their company  
daily increasing, like a *snowball* in rolling. *Hayward.*

His bulky folly gathers as it goes,  
And, rolling o'er you, like a *snowball* grows. *Dryden.*

A *snowball* having the power to produce in us the ideas of  
white, cold, and round, the powers, as they are in the *snow*-  
ball, I call qualities; and as they are sensations in our under-  
standings, ideas. *Locke.*

SNO'WROTH. *n. f.* [Imican, Saxon; *snucwen*, Dutch.] Very cold liquor.

Angelo, a man whose blood

Is very *snowy*, one who never feels  
The warm things and motions of the sense. *Shakespeare.*

SNO'WDROP. *n. f.* [Imican, Saxon; *snucwen*, Dutch.] An early flower.

The flower is, for the most part, composed of six leaves,  
in form of a lily, which are sometimes equal, and sometimes  
unequal and pendulous; the empalement becomes a roundish  
fruit, which is divided into three cells, and full of roundish  
seeds: to which may be added, it hath a bulbous root. *Miller.*

When we tried the experiment with the leaves of those  
purely white flowers that appear about the end of Winter,  
called *snowdrops*, the event was not